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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Thur 9/24/2015 10:47:28 PM
Subject: RE: GKM Press Inquiry

George,

This is what David drafted.

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Ostrander, David
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Ward, W. Robert
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Thanks, Joan.

David, can you fill in what is missing? - George

From: Card, Joan
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 5:01 PM
To: McGrath, Shaun; Hull, George; Ostrander, David
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The talking points have been: 1) they were working under our direction on August 5, and 2) we are waiting for the independent review to determine whether/what actions need to be taken.

David can answer more specifically about their role as our ERRS contractor for the spill response.

Joan

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 2:54 PM
To: Hull, George; Ostrander, David
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Adding Joan and Bob, who I'd ask to help David in developing responses.

George, I believe there is a pretty straightforward answer that tracks with what the Administrator said in her testimony.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 2:38 PM
To: Ostrander, David; McGrath, Shaun

Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: GKM Press Inquiry

David and Shaun,

We need your assistance in responding to the inquiry below from CQ Roll Call. I'm reaching out to the reporter to get his deadline. Can you help us with a draft answer. Thanks,

George Hull, Director

Office of Media Relations

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I need an on-the-record comment as to why EPA's Gold King Mine Contractor – Environmental Restoration – still have the ability to award a subcontract following the Aug. 5 wastewater breach into Colorado's Animas River. Was their authority over the remediation effort not halted and stripped from them while EPA handles the clean up duties in the region? I need more information as well regarding the water treatment system that will be put in place in the area through the '15 winter. Thanks!